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### **District Woman Pleads Guilty to Murder, Other Charges In Killing of 18-Year-Old Latisha Frazier - Defendant Later Joined in Plot to Dispose of the Victim's Body -**

WASHINGTON - Cinthya Proctor, 19, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today to second degree murder and other charges in the killing of another teenager last year, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Proctor pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to charges of second degree murder, kidnapping and conspiracy to commit evidence tampering. She is to be sentenced November 4, 2011 by the Honorable William M. Jackson. Proctor faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

According to a statement of facts signed by the defendant and submitted to the Court, Proctor was among a group of people who took part in the August 2010 murder of Latisha Frazier, 18.

On August 1, 2010, Proctor and others decided that they would invite Ms. Frazier to an apartment in the 1700 block of Trenton Place SE to "teach her a lesson" because they suspected she had stolen \$900 from one of them. During a discussion, they developed a plan that called for Proctor to join in beating the victim in a back bedroom.

The next day, the group gathered at the residence to carry out the plan. Ms. Frazier, as planned, was invited to the residence and went to the back bedroom. There, Proctor and two other women hit her with their fists. Ms. Frazier cried for them to stop, and they ultimately did. However, two men who were part of the group then stepped in and punched and kicked the victim. Afterward, the group decided to bind Ms. Frazier with tape and put her in a closet. At that time, Ms. Frazier was still alive, and crying. Later that day, however, someone checked on her and reported to the group that the victim was dead.

Upon learning that Ms. Frazier had died, Proctor took part in a discussion about what to do with her body. The initial plan was to dismember the body, put it in a container and dispose of it in a park. The next day, Proctor joined in an attempt to dismember the body in a bathtub. But she became physically ill and went to a hospital before the body was removed from the apartment.

Ms. Frazier's body has yet to be found. Proctor is among a number of people arrested in this case and has been in custody since February.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of those who investigated the case for the Metropolitan Police Department, including Detectives Jeff Owens, Oliver Garvey, Darryl Richmond, Mitch Credle, Anthony Brigidini, Kenneth Williams, Susan Blue and Jeff Mayberry of the Major Case/Cold Case Squad. He also expressed appreciation for the efforts of those who handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Larry Grasso of the Criminal Intelligence Unit, Victim/Witness Advocate Marcia Rinker, and Paralegal Kwasi Fields. Finally, he thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh, who is prosecuting the case.

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